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Welcome Back Hikers, We All Made It!

An Open Letter to All My Philmont Friends,

Well, we've been home for a few days now, and I think all the kinks, cramps and blisters are probably going away and the only things left are our many memories.



I hope your Philmont memory is a good one. There were a lot of great times. Just think back-- that beautiful view from Phillips or Baldy,

the spar poles at Pueblano, the Aztec Gold Mine at French Henry, the rock climbing and the Conservation Project at Cimarroncito, the long day and the shotgun shooting at Harlan, the horseback ride and the chuckwagon dinner at Clarks Fork, the opening and closing campfires, and - oh yeah, that energy bar, and the squeeze cheese.

These are all good times remembered and I'm sure there are many, many more. Hold them in your heart and relive them in your mind and maybe, just maybe, someday you'll have the opportunity to go back to Philmont and share your experience with someone else.



As you think back, remember the training and what it took to get you there. Remember what we learned. There is much more to Philmont than

the fun programs. It was about testing your mettle and following orders of the Crew Leader you elected. It was about teamwork, camaraderie and helping that guy who was in trouble that day. It was about ensuring that

personal goals took a back seat to the goals and successes of your crew!

It gave you a chance to grow. There was more than one time it would have been easier to just quit but you didn't. You pushed on and showed yourself and each other that inner strength, that "tough it out" attitude, that stick-to-itiveness(?) it took to say "I can do this!"



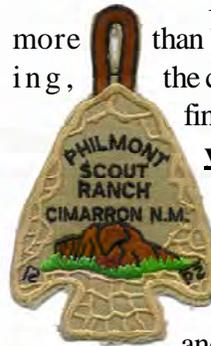
The Arrowhead on your Scout shirt shows more than "I've been to Philmont". It shows the laughing, the crying, and sweating, and the satisfaction of finishing a job you set out to do-- a tough job you set out to do.

As you reflect, think of your crew hiking and working together to accomplish a task that needed to be done. You encouraged each other going to the top of Baldy and the Tooth. You hiked harder when it was needed. You shared your water and equipment when it was needed. And you pitched in and helped the other guy when it was needed!

I salute you and I commend you for your attitude and your cooperation to become one. You showed physical courage in enduring the hardships. And you demonstrated your mental maturity for seeing it through; even in the tough spots.

I truly hope we will go to Philmont again together and share other great experiences. But if it never happens-- Well, we'd just say "We All Made It"! I trust you had a great time. Good fortune to you in all you do my friends and as always,

Good Scouting to you,
Army



Every boy deserves **TRAINED** leaders

All Direct contact leaders are mandated to be trained by the time their unit recharterers in the Fall of 2014!

Youth Protection Sessions are available

by: appointment at the Scout Service Center or online at www.wnyscouting.org

- Stay tuned to our web site www.wnyscouting.org for the full schedule of District training sessions in the Fall. See our Information Wall at our Scout Service Center for up and coming events. Check out Scouting.org for new and exciting changes in our Cub Scout program coming in June of 2015.

Congrats and salute to our friend Steve Blass on his promotion to District Director.



He succeeds Stu Schnettler who has moved to our neighboring Seneca Waterways Council in Rochester as the Director of Field Service. The Phlyer and all of us here at the Greater Niagara Frontier Council wish much success and good Scouting to both of them!

It's Almost Here!



Sign your Crew up Now! army.leonetti@scouting.org

Paka's Boys' Life Joke of the Month



Life Scout Jordan Hey, Ben, what is Count Dracula's favorite kind of dog? Star Scout, Ben: I dunno know Jordan, what is Count Dracula's favorite kind of dog? Life Scout Jordan: A Blood Hound!

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Paul's Piece of Pertinent Information and Commissioner's Comments



Congratulations to all of our hikers of our Greater Niagara Frontier Council Philmont 2014 Philmont Contingent.

They have become a select segment of our membership. They, through their efforts, achievements and accomplishments have become the leadership in their Troop and Venture Crews. They have become easily recognizable members of one of the biggest groups within the Boy Scouts of America.

While the arrowhead is easily seen on our uniforms, the other most recognizable piece of clothing is our Philmont belt and buckle. When worn, and is noticed, it always brings the question, 'Hey, you went to Philmont?' And the conversation continues with comments like 'Yeah, wow, me too. When did you go?' And so it goes

We know everyone had fun. But what will be revealed later are the changes in the lives of these boys and their leaders. A different relationship will develop between them, a level of respect will arise and the bond between member to member, Advisor to Scout and father to son will be the ultimate result in seeing each other in a special light. Kudos to you all!

A tip of our Philmont caps to:



All of our 2014 Philmont Crew Members of G720 1 - 11



Philmont Phun Phacts

- 1) Is there still gold in them thar hills of the Baldy region?
2) Why do you not need a fork in the Philmont Back Country?
3) What is the newest acquisition to the Philmont Ranch?
4) You need only a spoon to eat your trail food!
5) Chase Ranch trails have been added to the areas of Baldy.
6) The mother lode has never been extracted from Old



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